



Town soaks in the wettest April since records began

WEATHER history has been made in Weymouth with its wettest ever April since rainfall records began way back in 1880.

Properties, gardens and roads have been flooded

as Weymouth received a soaking made all the more miserable by gloriously sunny conditions in March.

Weymouth weatherman Bob Poots said: "This has

by Harry Walton

been the wettest April since records began 132 years ago in 1880.

"The town had been battered by so much rain that more than three times the usual amount fell during the month.

"The average for April is 49.4mm but we have just had an incredible 158.1mm or 3.2 times as much rainfall as we usually get.

"Conditions were so bad that between April 23rd-25th we had more than a month's rainfall in just three days.

"This year hasn't just broken the record but smashed it to pieces because I recorded 25 per cent more rain than the previous highest ever rainfall figure of 123mm in April 2000.

"The whole country was gripped by drought fever for the first three months of the year when Weymouth had just 40 per cent of its usual rainfall. At a single stroke April has wiped that deficit out."

Weymouth and Portland events manager Steve Davies said: "Clearly the rain's biggest impact has been on general tourism to the beach and seafront.

"That has been hardest hit, but we are a robust town and we will bounce back once the weather changes."

Redlands Community Sports Hub has been badly hit and duty manager Haydn Cooke said: "We have suffered severe disruption and the longer April went on the worse it got.

"The last week we have had blanket closures with every pitch shut. It has been very, very disruptive because it is the end of the football season with a backlog of fixtures we can't stage."

Environment Agency spokesman Julian Wardlaw said: "We are monitoring the state of rivers and streams in the Weymouth area, particularly the River Wey, after last night's heavy rain.

"Ground is so saturated in some areas of Weymouth that rain is running straight off causing flooding problems and the outlook for the next fortnight continues to be unsettled."



■ STAYING UNDER HIS UMBRELLA: Weatherman Bob Poots

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SUE Hennessy is most certainly a woman with "Hidden Depths".

After a varied and interesting career in the public and voluntary sectors, on reaching retirement she realised a long held ambition to write a book about the women of the RNLI.

The book came as a result of her many years of experience working for the RNLI in various guises. It is a fascinating account of the many significant roles that women have played in the organisation since its beginnings back in the early 1800s.

Sue, who is 62-years-old and lives in the Piddle Valley, also has a huge range of other interests and she still holds plenty of ambitions.

■ HAVE you always lived in Dorset?

No, but I always wanted to live here right from being a little girl. I was brought up in Kent but my family had friends in Charnister and we would come down for holidays. I first came down here to live in 1971 to be a Geography teacher in Gillingham. I then taught in Shaftesbury for a while before moving up north. I eventually came back to Dorset in 1996.

■ HOW did you get from teaching to working for the RNLI?

After some years as a teacher I went off to do a masters degree. I didn't go back to teaching because I joined the voluntary sector working as an Education Advisor for The Spastics Society, which is now known as Scope. Then, for a while, I had my own business running a delicatessen in Merseyside. I then went back to work for Scope as an Early Years Development manager, which was working to provide services for children aged under five with cerebral palsy. I moved to the RNLI as a result of redundancy from Scope.

■ WHAT attracted you to the RNLI job?

I was very keen to be careful about making my next job move, by then I was about 40. I'd learned that I really liked working in 'cause' related areas; something I believe in that I can really throw myself into. One morning I spotted an advert in the paper for the RNLI and that was the magical moment because my great grandfather had been an RNLI coxswain. He'd been highly esteemed and had even been awarded a medal by Queen Victoria for his bravery.

■ WHAT were your various roles within the RNLI?

To begin with, I got a post managing volunteers in North West England. I spent five years doing that and then I



moved down to RNLI HQ in Poole working with major donors to the RNLI; the individuals who give large sums of money. My third job with the RNLI was working as the founder principal of the new training college at Poole HQ. That's where volunteer lifeguards, crew members and fundraisers go to be trained. I worked with the architects and the design team in creating the place and then I ran it for four years before I retired.

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■ WHAT do you think your great grandfather would say about what you've done for the RNLI?

Well, I think we'd have a very interesting conversation. He was all about the courage and leadership in a very primitive sort of lifeboat, and here I was 100-years later managing volunteers, raising money and training the crews amidst all the hi-tech wizardry we have these days – the contrast is huge. And yet, I just love the fact that there's a continuum between us.

■ WHEN did the idea for writing a book come along?

That was a long held wish which I wasn't able to realise until after I retired. When I joined RNLI I was bowled over by the calibre of the women I was meeting. I looked to see if anything had been written about the contribution that women had made from the early 1800s and there was nothing. So I put it as number one on my retirement list of 'Things To Do'. As soon as I retired I found a publisher and researched and wrote the book, which is all about documenting the contribution that women in the organisation have made to saving life at sea; from launching boats, crewing boats, raising money, supporting the men folk and bringing it right up to date by looking at what women are now doing in senior management roles. It's called 'Hidden Depths - Women in the RNLI'.

■ WHAT else have you been up to since you retired?

I'm the Girl Guiding District Commissioner for Piddle Valley. I'm involved with the Millennium Green Project in Piddlehinton as a trustee. I also like to travel a lot and recently went trekking in the Himalayas, another big ambition, and I also spend a lot of time in my garden.

■ WHAT three good books have you read recently?

A wonderful book called 'The Long Walk' by Slavomir Rawicz, who was captured by the Russians in 1939. He was a Polish cavalry officer and sent to Siberia and he escaped and walked all the way to India. Next would be 'Only Say The Word', by Niall Williams – I do have Irish heritage and I love the way the Irish lyricism comes through in this novel. Next week I'm going to Ireland so I'm going to buy another of his books. My easy read is a forensic pathology fiction book called 'Virals' by Kathy Reichs. I find the science of it fascinating and it's a real page turner.

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Olympic security exercise

A MAJOR Weymouth and Portland Olympic security exercise is still going on today (Thursday) involving HMS Bulwark and Dorset Police.

The Royal Navy's newest amphibious assault and command and control ship has been stationed ten miles off Weymouth to take part in the four-day security testing event.

This live exercise on board HMS Bulwark is seeing Dorset Police work with the Royal Navy to test security arrangements and systems in advance of the Games.

The ship will then return to Weymouth and Portland in July for the Games and will be used by Dorset Police as a command base during the Olympic and Paralympic windsurfing and sailing events.

Assistant Chief Constable Adrian Whiting is leading the Games safety and security operation in Dorset and said: "This summer will see the ultimate celebration of sport and we are working with partners to ensure a safe and secure Games in Dorset."

"Our role includes supporting the organisers and athletes by ensuring the fields of play on the water are safe and secure – an area of approximately 50 square miles."

"To do this we will use small watercraft including rigid hull inflatable boats and jet skis as well as launches crewed by Dorset officers and marine police officers from other forces around the country."

Going to the polls

VOTERS go to the local election polls today (Thursday) with contests held to decide 12 seats on Weymouth and Portland Borough Council.

Results are not expected to be known until at least midnight tonight.

The authority is a hung council with no one political party in overall control.

Another 100 homes for Littlemoor get the nod

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A MAJOR Weymouth development of 100 new homes at Lines Field, Littlemoor, has been granted outline planning permission.

Objectors presented a range of concerns to a meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee but, while councillors said those concerns would be debated in due course, they added that the development was still at too early a stage for that.

Instead they concentrated debate on whether the principle of development was sufficient for granting outline planning permission for the site.

Richard Burgess for applicants the Whetham Estate said it was, particularly as more than 170 homes had been given the go-ahead on the nearby Destiny Fields site.

He said Lines had no ecological value, drainage concerns had been dealt with, there was ample green space in the scheme, there

were no highway objections and there were community facilities. All they wanted, he said, was to be treated equally with Destiny Fields.

Councillor Robbie Dunster said: "We are talking about outline planning permission here. People need somewhere to live and we need to find them amenities."

Councillor Dominic Lonsdale said members were not talking about how many homes there should be on the site but whether development could take place there.

Councillor Kevin Hodder also stressed matters were only at outline stage and said that issues such as numbers, concerns, size and views could all be dealt with when developers asked for detailed planning permission for the scheme.

Earlier objectors raised numerous concerns including Littlemoor resident Garry James who talked about the flood risk to ex-

isting homes that the new development would cause, highway issues and the "dominance" of proposed three-storey flat blocks.

Valerie Bright said the design was poor, the layout was unacceptable, greater focus was needed on site archaeology and the impact on wildlife including protected rare bats needed to be considered.

Malcolm Beeson said the new development would

overload schools and doctors' surgeries and the local community wanted Lines Field kept outside the development boundary.

He concluded: "Littlemoor is already over-developed. There is no employment here and inadequate provision of services."

The meeting later unanimously voted to grant the scheme outline planning permission.

House plans refused

PLANNERS have refused permission for a home to be built in the garden of an existing house at Dawlish Crescent, Weymouth.

A meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee was told by applicants Chalbury Building Design that the new home would fit in with the area whereas objectors claimed it would be completely out of character with the neighbourhood and would be "overdevelopment" and "an invasion of privacy".

Councillors refused the scheme.



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Tributes on Anzac Day



■ WEYMOUTH and Portland Deputy Mayor Margaret Lecester lays a wreath at the Anzac memorial

HEADS bowed when the fallen were remembered during a wreath laying ceremony in Weymouth on Anzac Day.

The event was held at the Anzac Memorial on Weymouth Esplanade.

Tributes were led by Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Councillor Margaret Lecester who laid a wreath at the memorial.

Among others who attended were Lieutenant David O'Toole of the Royal Australian Navy, Ms Jenny Tyne of the New Zealand High Commission, Lieutenant Graham Maclean of the New Zealand Defence Force and Councillor Les Ames, chairman of Weymouth and Portland Residents Association.



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Pelican sails into receivership

RECEIVERS have been appointed to find a buyer for Weymouth's Tall Ship Pelican, currently used for youth training voyages.

The Pelican is in the hands of joint receivers Steve Adshead and Greg Palfrey from the South Coast office of accountancy and investment management group Smith & Williamson.

They have been tasked with securing a new owner for the 370-tonne sailing vessel, with offers around £2.45 million.

A number of private individuals, who kept the ocean-going ship afloat with funds, are owed nearly £2.5 million, the receivers said.

Pelican is currently used by a sailing adventure charity for youngsters.

The receivers stressed that the charity, Weymouth-based Adventure Under Sail Ltd (AUSL), has no formal relationship with the owner of the 45-metre long vessel.

AUSL's programme of voyages, including the 2012 Tall Ships Races in July and August and a winter programme in the Caribbean, is unaffected while a buyer is sought, with bookings being taken as normal and fundraising underway.

Mr Adshead said: "Such situations are always sad but there is hope."

"Pelican is a great ship and she has a lot going for her because she is a bit different from other Tall Ships."

"She was held in a limited liability partnership rather than in a charity. It strove to operate the ship with a mixture of commercial use and youth sail training subsidised by charitable bursaries."

"Despite the ship's acclaimed success in youth sail training it was unable to compete financially with ships at home and abroad that are operated as charities."

"Some of the investors in retirement, understandably, wish to seek a return of their capital. This can only be done with a change in the ownership structure and a sale of the vessel."

"Our job now is to pilot Pelican towards a new secure future, perhaps with a wealthy individual coming forward to buy the ship to retain the status quo or to convert into a luxury yacht."

"Pelican is in fine condition, having recently completed its annual winter schedule of care and maintenance as normal."

"It must be stressed that it is business as usual for AUSL while we go about securing a new owner."

Pelican, which has provided opportunities to more than 500 young people since her maiden voyage in 2007, has 11 sails on three masts and berths for 11 permanent and volunteer crew plus 28 crew in seven four-berth cabins.

She was built in Le Havre, France, in 1946 as a double-beam Arctic fishing trawler.

The vessel was acquired in 1997 by retired Naval Commander Graham Neilson as a restoration project for circumnavigation under sail and was meticulously reconstructed over 12 years in Portland.

Expressions of interest should be made to Steve Adshead at steve.adshead@smith.williamson.co.uk or by ringing 023 8082 7600.

Former pub to become care home

A SCHEME to convert a disused pub on Portland into a 16-bed care facility has been backed by planners.

The former Jolly Sailor Inn at Castle-town had become an eyesore, a meeting of Weymouth and Portland planning committee was told.

Members were told that the development would improve the site but, while they generally liked the scheme, they did have concerns about a balcony which was felt to be "too large" and which they discussed resiting or reducing in size.

Paul Dean for the applicants said the

development was not harmful to nearby properties while Councillor Ray Banham said: "In general I cannot see a lot wrong with this development."

Councillor Kevin Hodder said it was a shame the balcony was not flush with the neighbouring property.

He added: "To me that's the only thing wrong with the scheme. Everything else is fine."

Members then granted permission for the development subject to talks being held to ensure the balcony did not project too much.

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US soldiers get down to earth in Weymouth

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AN award-winning Weymouth school garden has saved thousands of pounds on spending a penny thanks to British and American military help installing a unique composting toilet.

Holy Trinity School, which has nearly 700 pupils, has taken four years to develop its garden which includes features donated from a 2008 Hampton Court Flower Show gold medal and Best in Show entry.

Organiser Helen Toft said: "The children have been wonderful, but the school did have a problem when pupils needed to go to the toilet while out working in the garden."

"School toilets are more than 200 yards away and very young children must be accompanied, so we were most grateful when the military offered to step in and help us as part of an exercise."

The Royal Engineers camp at Chickerell mas-

terminded the work by 15 soldiers, half visiting engineers from Cambridge and half from the 147th Civil Engineer Squadron of the US Air National Guard based at Houston, Texas.

They jointly braved torrential rain to take part in Exercise Flying Rose to excavate a large hole and install the toilet in the garden which last year won Dorset Wildlife Trust's county award for a wildlife friendly garden.

Flying Rose, which forms part of an exchange of 42 US personnel with 42 UK soldiers who are going to Savannah, Georgia, was overseen by Major "Spence" Spencer RE who said: "When we take on these tasks we look for a community project and this was a brilliant one at Holy Trinity."

His American opposite number, Lieutenant Colonel Gary Kerr said: "We do these training exercises and, if we can, we try to take on a community project, so it was nice to come here. We get the benefit of training and the community gets the benefit of our help."

Helen said the garden was now in fantastic shape with a living willow classroom seating 30 pupils, a pond, raised planting beds for each class, a memory corner, a bird section with hide, a small orchard and a greenhouse where pupils help their Egyptian history studies by growing papyrus which they hope will soon enable them to make paper.

She added: "We are extremely grateful to all the engineers because I am not sure how we could have managed to do this by ourselves as it would have cost a great deal of money."

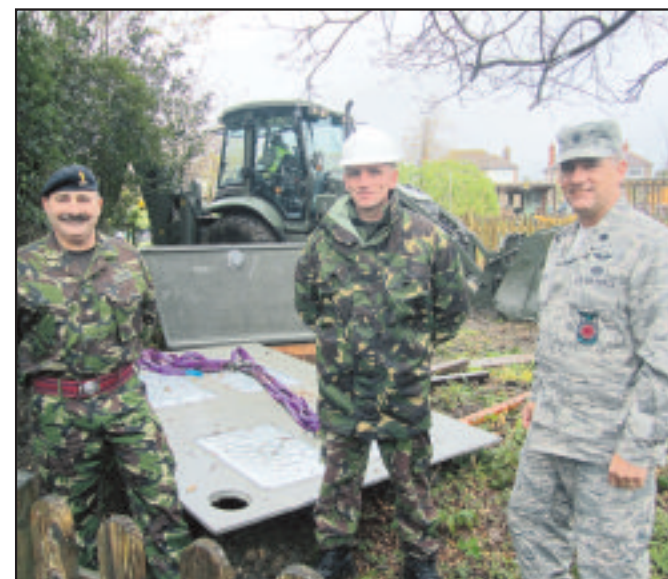
"To have it all done as part of a military training exercise for the engineers has been very exciting for the children. Soldiers coming in to school is always of great interest to them!"

"Our next project will be to create a dinosaur garden with fossils and a timeline for dinosaurs."

People across South Dorset will be able to see Holy Trinity's garden for themselves when it opens to the public under the National Gardens Scheme on July 21st-2nd.



■ MUD BATH: Engineers dig a giant hole for the composting toilet



■ JOINT OPERATION: By the toilet waiting to be installed are, from the left, Major "Spence" Spencer, project leader Corporal Paul Turner and Lieutenant Colonel Gary Kerr



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Excellent exams

SECOND year Weymouth College A level students due to take their final A2 exams this summer have just impressive results from their January modules.

Nearly half the grades across all subjects were either an A or a B and department head Andy Gilbert said: "The excellent exam results reflect the hard work and dedication of both staff and students."

"Most learners have now completed three out of four of their modules. With this in mind it is therefore highly likely that Weymouth College Sixth Form will again have 100 per cent achievement this summer."

Alex Gough who is studying A levels in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics achieved four A's and obtained the maximum marks possible in Physics.

He said college had been "an enjoyable and enriching experience" and added:

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"There's always been a feeling that both my lecturers and careers advice have been there to do their best to guide me, a personal touch that I don't think you'd get in many other sixth forms."

Anastasia Murphy who achieved two A's in Psychology and Business and one B in Government and Politics said all her exam grades while at Weymouth had been A-B level and she felt she had grown as an individual as well as academically.

She added: "I have been able to achieve this as all my lecturers have provided me with so much support and taught me with enthusiasm. I have found each lecturer has great in depth knowledge, helping extend my learning even further."



Stylists offer a helping hand

MORE than £760 raised by a charity hair competition at Weymouth College has been presented to the Will Mackaness Trust.

More than 200 people attended the competition where college part-time level 2 student Michelle Acton won the gold medal, full-time level 2 student Kerry Poulton won the silver medal and Megan Plumb from Blondz Hairdressers won the bronze medal.

A cheque for £764 was presented by Weymouth College hair and beauty students and lecturer, Julia Cohen (pictured above) to Will Mackaness Trust representative Pam Govier at a special reception at the college hair and beauty department.

Julia said: "I'm very proud to present this cheque to the Will Mackaness Trust following on from the spectacular competition."

Pam said: "It's such a fantastic amount of money raised from a really fun night. Credit to all involved and all of the students."

The Will Mackaness Trust aims to give as many young people the opportunity to experience the thrill of water activities and give financial support to those who have shown a particular skill in water activities to enable them to progress further.



STUDENTS: Alex Gough and Anastasia Murphy have enjoyed their studies at Weymouth College



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AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

Incoming calls

Telephones are intended to facilitate two-way conversation, which is something most of us find extremely useful. But I was recently surprised when making a call to hear a recorded message saying this number does not receive incoming calls. Why anyone should choose this option I cannot say.

We do get some unwanted calls but to bar all comers seems extreme. To have the benefit of making calls with an unwillingness to receive any suggests an attitude of wanting to do all the talking but refusing to listen to what others have to say. And some people are like that.

If we take a lesson from nature we might consider why we have two ears but only one mouth!

I remember someone who just would not stop talking and it was only when he paused to light his pipe that I was able to tell him I had to go.

This makes me think of prayer which I believe should be more than us doing all the talking, with no awareness that perhaps God has something important to say to us. A good biblical example is when the boy Samuel said to God: "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)

If you have a news story or a photo for the View from Weymouth or the View from Portland please call Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk

Portland parents learn more about proposed academy

by Harry Walton
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PARENTS from Southwell Community Primary School and Royal Manor Arts College have been given a chance to pose questions about the new Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy.

Their queries were answered by headteachers, governors and sponsors at separate parents' evenings at the schools following similar events at two other schools participating in the academy, The Grove and The Chesil Cove Foundation.

The new academy, which has secured £15 million backing from the Department of Education, recently got the green light from the Secretary of State for Education and will open in September. It will enable the academy to open in the existing schools' buildings this year with pupils and staff moving into new buildings at Osprey Quay and Southwell Business Park by September 2013.

The meetings marked the first opportunity since the announcement for parents to ask questions about the plans for the academy and the transition from existing schools.

Royal Manor headteacher Paul Green said: "With the announcement we wanted to offer all our parents the chance to ask questions of the team behind the academy development as soon as possible. We were delighted that, even at quite short notice, over 50 parents attended the session and contributed greatly to our planning."

"Questions ranged over issues such as transport, uniform, curriculum design and pastoral matters and we have now set up an email group to keep parents informed about develop-

ments.

"It was heartening to hear so many encouraging remarks from parents with many acknowledging what a remarkable opportunity this investment in their children's education presents."

The new academy will cater for four to 19 year old students, giving over-16s the option to continue their education on the island for the first time. It will also continue to offer provision from the age of two through the existing Little Stars Foundation Stage Unit and Brackenbury Nursery.

Questions raised at the other schools included parents seeking assurances that Portland children would be given priority should the school be oversubscribed and that the academy would cater for students with special educational needs, both of which were confirmed.

Young people urged to get growing a wheelbarrow garden

LOCAL schools and community clubs are being offered a chance to take part in a wheelie good idea.

Weymouth's Value House wants groups including brownies and cubs to join in 'Have a Grow this Spring' and grow a garden in a wheelbarrow.

The incentive is several prizes of Value House garden vouchers just waiting to be harvested by the three winning groups.

Value House said it was a great way for children to get inspired in the gar-

den and to produce a unique creation that is only limited by their imagination.

VH spokesman Sarah Dumont said: "In the past we have had some outstanding entries."

"Last year's winner was Southill School with an amazing South African-themed garden set in a fibre glass giraffe and full of tropical plants."

"We can give schools a starter kit to include compost, plants and seeds and

then it's up to them to see what the children come up with.

"We then get our customers to vote for their favourite garden and the three winners will receive vouchers to spend on their school gardens."

Those who would like to find out more or register their school should contact Sarah Dumont on 01803 813504, sdumont@fermoys.co.uk or pop into the store for an application form.

Castle through the ages

AN attraction showing Portland Castle Through the Ages will be on offer at the island site over the Bank Holiday from May 6th-7th from 11am-5pm.

The event will be hosted by three performers from Grif-fin Historical and the day will include a variety of activities and games for children.

Costumed characters will bring the castle to life and give visitors a taste of Portland through the ages.

A "show and tell" section of the day will involve historic artefacts from various periods which the performers will talk about, giving visitors an opportunity to find out more about the periods represented.

A Tudor housewife will be based in the castle kitchen warmed by a lit fire. She will provide a demonstration into her daily tasks which will include textile work, spinning and weaving. In addition there will be timed slots where she will get out her cabinet of curiosities and provide artefact handling with commentary.

Based outside, but dependent on the weather, will be a Second World War performer who will provide an assault course for children which will run throughout the day.

The third performer, again weather dependent, will be Henrican who will provide a junior jousting activity where children use hobby horses and go head to head in a play joust. He will also provide timed sessions for a pike drill. There will also be a through-the-ages trail around the castle.

Prices cost £4.70 for adults, £4.20 for concessions, £2.80 for children and £12.20 for a family.

Listen to the dawn chorus

PEOPLE are being invited to get up before the lark to learn about bird song with a walk round Weymouth's Radipole Lake.

The RSPB at Weymouth Wetlands nature reserve is celebrating International Dawn Chorus Day this Saturday May 5th with the walk and an introduction to bird song.

The event starts at 4.30am and Wetlands information officer Luke Phillips said: "Learning a bird's song can make it easier to find the bird itself. Once you can identify the song, you'll have a better idea of where to look and what you're looking for."

Free binocular hire is available and booking is essential. The event costs £3 for members, £6 for non-members and children are free. Those interested should phone the Radipole Lake Visitor Centre on 01305 778313.

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- étude - outdoor dance performance from Japan, Durlston

To find out more about these and other events running throughout the summer, go to:
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Helpers needed to man stalls at historic street fayre

PREPARATIONS are in full swing to stage the popular annual Sutton Poyntz Victorian Street Fayre on June 24th.

The event, which will run from 11am-5pm, has all day music and entertainment as well as stalls, a farmers' market, cream teas, a barbecue, children's games and a grand charity auction run by Fayre sponsor Goadsby Estate Agents.

A musical highlight this year will be Ed Hintze and the Dorset For Singing choir. Ed shot to fame in 2008 playing Elton John in the BBC TV show The One and Only.

Other entertainers include the Mill Street Jazz Band, the Andy Grant Trio, the Preston Pantomime Group, BB Hall, Black Sheep, Juno Belly Dancers and the

drumming sensation Taiko Evolution.

Around the village duck-pond there will be stalls selling plants, jewellery, books, antiques, and gifts. Beadwork, quilting and patchwork will be on display in the Water Works Museum while the Victorian tradition will be kept alive by villagers and stall-holders dressing in period costume.

For children there will be sports, pony rides, a giant bouncy castle, face-painting, model boats, a fire engine and the Nothe Fort cannon demonstrations.

Street Fayre committee chairman Guy Bridge said: "This is a tremendous opportunity for the whole community to come together, enjoy a great day out and

help raise a substantial sum for local charities. None of it would be possible without your support and all those in the village manning stalls and serving refreshments all day.

"There's something for everyone with an amazing line-up of music and entertainment starting with a children's parade and later there's an auction of donated prizes kindly organised by Goadsby."

The Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre was held regularly up until the First World War, but was revived in 1994. In 2010 they donated over £17,000 to charities and local activities including Water Aid, Dorset Search and Rescue, Help for Heroes and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Anyone able to donate items for stalls including perfect presents, accessories, gardening, books, antiques and bygones and wedding finery should contact Pat Haine at michaelhaine007@btinternet.com.

People willing to help at the fayre for a few hours should contact John Sutherland on 01305-832227 jandii.sutherland@tiscali.co.uk while anyone wishing to nominate a charity to benefit from Fayre funds should contact Guy Bridge on 833343 / 257258 guy@guybridge.info.

Fayre admission costs £2.50 per adult, children under 14 are free and parking is free.

Plants and more for Julia's House

JULIA'S House will benefit from the Sutton Poyntz Plant Sale this Saturday (May 5th) from 10am to 1pm at Scutt Memorial Hall.

Over this same weekend, (May 5th 6th & 7th) there will be a flower festival in St. Andrew's Church, Preston, with donations being shared between Julia's House and church funds.

On Sunday, May 13th, the Rotary Club of the Island and Royal Manor of Portland will be holding their annual plant and craft fair, at the Grove Football Ground on Portland from 11am to 4pm. If you still have room in your garden for more plants or you are an early Christmas present buyer, this trip to Portland might just have the answers. Plants can be placed in the Julia's House plant crèche, for a small fee, thereby doing your bit for this charity whilst enjoying visiting the stalls.

On Saturday, June 16th, the charity will be hosting the annual garden party at Queen Anne House in Fortuneswell, Portland from 11am - 4pm. There will be refreshments, cakes, books, briac-a-brac, teddy bear tombola and much much more to tempt visitors.

There has been much speculation in recent months regarding the acquisition of Julia's House charity shops in Dorchester and Weymouth.

The Dorchester shop is now open and it is anticipated that the Weymouth shop will open in June.

In addition to these events there are still table top sales of Julia's House merchandise etc. at the Community 2000, (Portland) table top sales on Saturday, May 19th and Saturday, June 9th, 9-30 to 12-30.

Anyone who might want to support Julia's House in a different way could join the Super Heroes walk from Bournemouth to Boscombe and return on May 25th. Call the head office on 01202 607400 for entry details.

Volunteer Julia Lunn said: "The next two months are going to be very busy for Julia's House volunteers, but we all enjoy what we do, so why not think about joining us and sharing in our fun. All you need to do is contact our chairman, Brenda Bonwell on 01305 783807 or me on 01305 7823767, and we can take it from there."

All aboard the Pinafore!

WEYMOUTH Operatic Society members are busy rehearsing their next production, HMS Pinafore.

It will run at Hope Church from May 9th-11th from 7.30pm under the guidance of director-musical director Geoff King.

The story of Gilbert & Sullivan's much loved work H.M.S. Pinafore opens with the crew of the Pinafore busily and boisterously sprucing up the deck for the arrival of Sir Joseph Porter, a high-ranking admiral.

They pause only to buy wares from the peddler

called Little Buttercup and then return happily to work, but not all are so happy.

Ralph Rackstraw, "the smartest lad in all the fleet," is in love with the Captain's daughter, Josephine, who has been promised to Porter.

In spite of this - and the fact that Josephine and he are far apart in terms of class - Ralph pursues her and she eventually confesses her own love for him. The two young lovers plan to elope, but the Captain learns of her plans and puts a halt to them. Porter,

furious at Ralph's impertinence, has him imprisoned.

At that moment, Buttercup reveals a tremendous secret: Many years in the past, she had been given charge of two babies, one of good family and one of lower status. These turn out to be Ralph and the Captain - but Buttercup further reveals that she had accidentally switched them.

Thus, Ralph is of noble birth and the Captain comes from poverty - and therefore, Josephine is also of the lower class and no



■ WEYMOUTH Operatic Society present HMS Pinafore

longer a fit mate for Porter. However, the newly-enobled Ralph has no such reservations, and gladly

takes Josephine to be his wife.

Tickets for the production cost £6 and are avail-

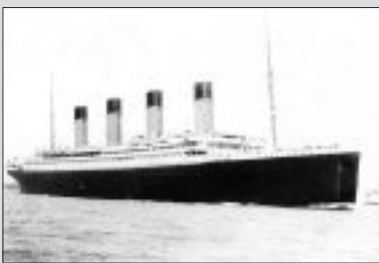
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IT is difficult to tell of the experience which follows, but the student of Christian Science will readily see in that acceptance of the truth made the overcoming of fear possible, even as in the case of the disease, and that divine Principle is to be relied upon at all times.

While the Titanic was sinking, and during the whole time I was working at the boats, I held to the truth, thereby eliminating all fear. I do not pretend that any man can go down on a ship a midnight in the mid-Atlantic, and succeed in eliminating fear, without hard work. It was hard work, and yet the very conditions which existed on the port side were in themselves a demonstration of the workings of Truth, for not the slightest hitch occurred, and all boats were got away, the last one, which was a flat-bottomed collapsible, floating off the deck.

I now resumed my work at the boats, finally calling for men to follow me up on top of the officers' quarters to cut adrift the last boat, which was stowed there. This boat we had not time even to open up, so just hove her down to the deck from which we had launched the others. As I saw her slide over the edge of the quarters I turned and ran across the deck to the other side of the ship to see of anything further could be done. Looking down I could see that all material work was finished, so from where I was on top of the quarters and above the bridge, I faced forward and walked into the water. The sudden immersion in this penetrating cold water for a few seconds overcame all thought, and I struck out blindly for the crow's-nest, which is on the foremast and was at that time just above the water. In a couple of seconds I realized that the crow's-nest and all other material help was of the same value, and almost immediately I found myself drawn with great force against the grating covering the mouth of the forward blower, a huge ventilator leading down to the forward stoke build. In this position I went below the surface with the ship.

I want to emphasize strongly this point, that as soon as I collected my thoughts after taking to the water, I remember saying to myself. "Now, I'll see how much I have learned from Christian Science." A doubt never entered my mind as to the possibility of my surviving; in other words, of the ability of the divine power to save me I think I can conscientiously say that with this thought all the fear left me, and I commenced again to realize the truth of being. It was at this moment that I was drawn into the water, still realizing the truth, and while I was below the surface these words from the 91st Psalm came to me so distinctly that I seemed to realize their full import: "He shall give his angels charge over thee." Immediately, I think, I was thrown away from the blower, and came up to find a piece of wood in my hand which seemed to be attached to the top of the funnel by a wire. I remained still, while the water rushed past me carrying the people with it away from me. A second time I went down, still holding fast to the truth, and again came to the surface. My piece of wood was gone, but alongside me was the flat-bottomed collapsible boat which I had, thrown down on the other side of the ship. This I laid hold of, but made no attempt to board it.

I want it to be understood that during this time in the water the fact came calmly and clearly that there was a divine power which could be utilized in a practical manner, and also it seemed perfectly natural to rely on the power with the spiritual understanding which is so often spoken of in the Bible, and which is explained in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy. Now, with the sinking of a great ship like the Titanic, there was also the fear of suction to overcome, and at this time the forward funnel fell, throwing the boat, myself and other survivors about twenty feet clear of the ship, so that of suction we felt nothing.

About thirty of us floated the remainder of the night on the upturned boat, and I could not overcome the intense cold experience, yet when a man handed me a bottle of something that smelt somewhat like essence of peppermint, the thought of material means was nothing short of repulsive, and needless to say, it was not taken. At daybreak we found two life-boats floating near by, into which we were taken. I was the last member of the Titanic to board the Carpathia, and after interviewing her captain, discarded my wet clothes in favor of a bunk, in which I remained for about half an hour, and was not in bunk or bed again until we arrived in New York. Reaction or effects from the immersion - which I was confidently assured would take place - there were none; and though surprise has been expressed by very many, it only goes to prove that "with God all things are possible."

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

No idea!

HE probably meant well but the man pouring out his heart at the bar of a pub clearly didn't realise that the pensioner he was talking to wanted nothing to do with him.

Unfortunately the man talking about himself felt he'd somehow found a kindred soul who was genuinely interested in what he was saying, so he pressed on with his chatter.

Eventually he finished and, with a cheery wave, he wished his listener goodbye and strolled out of the door.

By now the pensioner had retreated deep into his newspaper but, with his tormentor gone, he emerged to take a well deserved mouthful of his pint and to field questions from onlookers.

They asked if he knew the man and the pensioner said, no, and they then asked what on earth the man had been talking so long about.

The pensioner replied: "I don't know really because I'm half deaf in that ear and early on I'd switched my hearing aid off!"

The joys of and English spring

YOU could almost have put money on it, couldn't you, as a glorious March prompted hysterical warnings of drought.

Cracks in the lawn, the River Wey barely a trickle of its usual flow, people in shorts talking about the first barbecue of the season and those damn forecasters trilling about hosepipe bans. It was just tempting fate.

Of course, Fate loves a good laugh at our expense, so since then we have practically been battered flat by torrential downpours or longer periods of rain.

No cracks in the lawn now because it's too soggy while all the wearers of shorts are being treated for pneumonia. Such are the delights of an English spring.

I only mention this by way of an introduction to an extraordinary sight I saw the other day on Dorchester Road when I met a bus while out driving in a downpour.

At least I think it was a bus because you don't see too many buses with a bow wave!

My windscreen wipers were on maximum and speed was down to 20mph because conditions

were dreadful, so I actually looked twice to make certain of what I was seeing.

Sure enough it was a bus with a bow wave, so much storm water flowing down the road that the bus was advancing like some stately pleasure cruiser, sending a large wave creaming away in a huge arc over the pavement.

The bus was OK but cars behind were in serious trouble from the backwash and floodwater flow which reduced their progress to a crawl.

So remember not to be too cocky in fine weather because "après moi, le deluge"!

■ GETTING woken up by the neighbours having passionate sex isn't the quietest start to the day especially when they're doing it on the roof.

Yes, the seagull mating season is in full swing and there is nothing householders can do about it.

Our lot felt that 5am was the ideal time to cement their raucous affection for each other which they did with a piercing volley of staccato calls which destroyed a rather nice dream I was having about a cellar full of wine that I seemed to own.

Losing the wine was bad enough but the harsh calls of the seagulls seemed to go on forever and to be coming from right over my head.

Have these birds no shame? Don't female gulls ever give it a rest and plead a headache?

The worst of it is that gulls will never realise that their enthusiasm is impossible for some of us to live up to!

They got motorbikes ... we got biscuits!

BEACH cleans by their very nature are supposed to clean up beaches, but it isn't until you go on one of these things that you realise just what a disgusting animal the human race is.

Take the Chesil Beach Centre for instance, a lovely site set beneath the great pebble wall of Chesil with a vista of the Fleet containing a large area of tidal mud flats rich in wildlife.

Yet volunteers slogging their way through underbrush, rocks and cloying beach collected together the sort of litter which made you question whether those who left it had any right at all to be called civilised.

For instance, is discarding an empty baked bean can complete with viciously sharp lid the best comment one person could make

about this World Heritage site and, even if Weymouth and Portland are currently the toast of the world, do people really have to leave empty beer cans all over the place?

The answer apparently is, yes, along with a motley collection of other objects which has recently included televisions and even a small fridge.

Hard working reserve staff put a

brave face on it and still keep picking up litter others should never have dropped in the first place.

So what keeps them going? Apparently it isn't valuable objects washing up from wrecks.

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RECENT Government announcements have now firmed up the future of Solar PV Feed in Tariff's (FIT). After April 1st the 21p FIT rate will continue till June, you'll need to obtain an EPC certificate declaring your premises are at Energy Band D or better to qualify for the full 21p rate. Rudge Renew-

ables, they are offering their customers a 'Get Your D for Free' offer, providing a EPC survey and certificate at no cost, which will be valid not only for a PV system after April 1st, but any other renewable technology you may want to install later! Solar panel prices are continuing to fall, and fur-

ther price drops are anticipated right through the year, making Solar PV very attractive with Return on Investment at 10% or more for southerly facing roofs. Remember though that Feed in Tariffs are due to drop again in July to a lower level, so an early installation will ensure you earn the current FIT rate.

In addition, the Government have announced an extension to the popular Renewable Heat Prepayment scheme which is offering cash payments for people installing Solar Hot Water, Heat Pumps, and Biomass (wood burning) boilers to replace fossil fuels.

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Also new are linen

blockprinted cushion covers in eye catching designs. The cotton handwoven dhurries come in several colours and work very well alongside the block-printed fabrics. There are also more ceramic handles and soapdishes expected later this week.

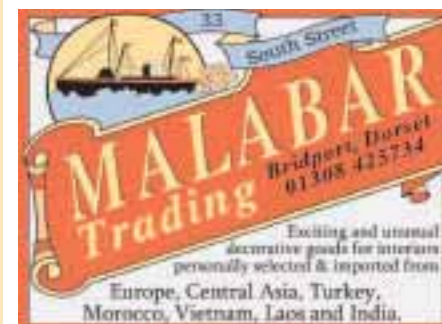
As ever there is a large selection of cotton nightwear, some new

prints in the kimonos, and also a wide selection of cotton printed tops. There are also linen shirts for men, cotton kurtas which are ideal nightshirts and cotton waistcoats.

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Creating that heavenly hallway for your home

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Make an impact

As the one area that people pass through rather than spend time in, the hallway is the perfect place to give visitors a glimpse into your personality. Use the hall as somewhere to set the tone for the rest of your house. Display photographs, paintings, a favourite rug and anything else that represents you and your family.

The hallway also offers an opportunity for colour,

particularly as white can often be stark and uninviting. Colour can be introduced via wallpaper, fabric (such as curtains, a rug or table linen on a console), a painting or a plant.

Patterned wallpaper works particularly well in a long, narrow hallway or stairwell as it draws the eye away from the length and creates the illusion of width. Not only will it add drama, but you also won't have to worry about it clashing with sofas.

Pay attention to detail

If possible, try to think of the hallway as a room in its own right. As such, treat it with the same care and attention to detail as you would any other room. If there's space, put a chair or a small table there.

It is also an area prone to wear and tear - keep

skirting boards painted and keep your walls clean of mucky hand prints on the walls.

Halls also tend to be rich in wall space. Take advantage of this to display photographs, prints and paintings, or hang a large mirror to give the illusion of space.

Also, think classic. Touches such as an umbrella stand or that 20th century hall accessory, the "gossip" bench (a seat and table in one, designed with comfortably using the telephone in mind) will help to give your hall a sense of purpose.

Keep it light

Wall-lights work very well in a hallway. Use tall candle-stick stems with your own choice of lampshade (modern or traditional) for a stylish look. Mirrors will also help

available light to go further.

If your hallway has a window, and if space allows, make a feature of this by placing a chair or table underneath. Also, instead of net curtains, consider privet hedges or high window boxes to cover the lower half of the window. This will retain privacy without compromising on aesthetics.

Hints for a heavenly hallway:

- Never use your hallway as a dumping ground. This is the first thing you see when you open the door so keep the hall and stairs tidy and free of clutter at all times.
- If this is where you keep coats and bags, invest in some appropriate storage. There are so many storage options for

halls and lobbies now that you will definitely find something to suit your needs. Choose from free-standing coat-racks, fixed individual or a rail of hooks, a shoe rack or high level shelving for hats and bags.

• If doors to other rooms lead off from the hallway, think carefully about the colour scheme to ensure that the eye is easily drawn from one space to the next. One way of seamlessly linking rooms is to keep the wall colours similar, while having different floor coverings to divide the rooms. For example, tiles or wooden flooring in the hall and carpet in the adjoining room.

• Whatever the size or shape of your hallway, your prime concern should be to make it as welcoming as possible. Stand in the doorway and imagine you're walking in for the first time. What needs to change? The colour? Lighting? Flooring? Or does it simply need to be de-cluttered?

• Use the space under your stairs wisely. Under-stair cupboards are a useful storage option. Or if there's enough headroom, why not convert the space into a downstairs loo? Apart from the toilet, you only need a small handbasin, a mirror and a towel rail. Ask a plumber for advice and a quote.

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View 2

The ultimate local guide for Dorset

Rufus Hound Camp Bestival bound

Stand up joins Jimmy Carr,
Michael Winslow, Marcus
Brigstocke and more on
festival's comedy bill
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CINEMA LISTINGS

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Avengers Assemble in 3D ^{12A}
Fri-Mon, Wed & Thu: 14.40,
16.20, 17.50, 19.30, 21.00
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**Salmon Fishing In The
Yemen** ¹⁵

Daily: 20.20, plus Sun, Mon:
11.15am

Marley ¹⁵
Tue: 13.45, 17.00, 20.15
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Fri: 17.00, 20.15, Sat: 13.50,
17.00, 20.15
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17.00, 20.15

Tue-Thu: 17.00, 20.15
Silent House ¹⁵
Daily: 17.00, 19.10, 21.15
Plus Thu: 14.50

Safe ¹⁵
Daily: 16.00, 18.20, 20.40,
plus Sat-Mon: 13.40

**Beauty and the Beast in
3D** ^U
Fri, Tue-Thu: 16.00, 18.10,
Sat-Mon: 11.40, 13.50,
16.00, 18.10

The Lucky One ^{12A}
Daily: 15.30, 18.00, 20.30
Plus Sat-Mon: 10.30, 13.00
American Pie: Reunion ¹⁵
Daily: 14.30, 17.10, 18.10,
19.50, 20.50, plus Sat-Mon:
11.50am

Mirror Mirror ^U
Sat-Mon: 12.00, 14.30
**Pirates! In An Adventure
With Scientists in 2D** ^U
Fri, Tue-Thu: 16.05, Sat-Mon:
11.30, 13.45, 16.05

Puss In Boots in 2D ^U
Sat: 10.10am
The Lion King in 2D ^U
Sat: 10.20am
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Wed: 14.35

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15.30

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With Scientists** ^U
Sat-Mon: 12.50

View 2 Cinema

This week's big screen releases

AMERICAN REUNION ¹⁵

The latest instalment off the American Pie series.

Over a decade has passed and the gang return to East Great Falls, Michigan, for the weekend. They will discover how their lives have developed as they gather for their high school reunion. How has life treated Michelle (Alyson Hannigan), Jim (Jason Biggs), Heather (Mena Suvari), Oz (Chris Klein), Kevin (Thomas Ian Nicholas), Vicky (Tara Reid), Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas), Stifler (Seann William Scott), and Stifler's mom (Jennifer Coolidge)?

In the summer of 1999, it was four boys on a quest to lose their virginity. Now Kara is a cute high school senior looking for the perfect guy to lose her virginity to.



REUNITED! The boys are back in town in *American Reunion*

SAFE ¹⁵

A FORMER elite agent (Jason Statham) takes on a two-tier mission: rescue a Chinese girl, Mei (Catherine Chan), who has been abducted by the Triads, then use a highly desired safe combination to outwit the Russian Mafia, corrupt NYC officials, and the Triads themselves.



WORK TO DO | Jason Statham in *Safe*

THE LUCKY ONE ^{12A}

LOGAN (Zac Efron), a Marine, travels to Louisiana after serving three tours in Iraq and searches for the unknown woman he believes was his good luck charm during the war.

Also stars Taylor Schilling, Blythe Danner and Jay R. Ferguson.



LUCKY CHARM | Taylor Schilling and Zac Efron in *The Lucky One*

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST IN 3D ^U

BELLE is a girl who is dissatisfied with life in a small provincial French town, constantly trying to fend off the misplaced "affections" of conceited Gaston. The Beast is a prince who was placed under a spell because he could not love. A wrong turn taken by Maurice, Belle's father, causes the two to meet.

Disney classic remastered in 3D, with voices from Paige O'Hara, Robby Benson and Angela Lansbury.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Belle and the Beast

SILENT HOUSE ¹⁵

TRAPPED inside her family's lakeside retreat, a young woman finds she is unable to contact the outside world as events become increasingly ominous and around the house.

Stars Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese and Eric Sheffer Stevens.

Another side-splitting comedy line up at Camp Bestival

CAMP BESTIVAL will once again have laughs aplenty for all ages in their side-splitting line-up of top drawer comics who will be joining the previously announced comedy headliner Jimmy Carr at Lulworth Castle this July.

The Camp Bestival team are delighted that Police Academy legend and 'Man of 10,000 Voices', Michael Winslow will be wowing the crowds at this year's Camp Bestival. An utter genius who does the seemingly impossible with just his voice, anyone who saw Michael at last year's Camp Bestival knows they're in for an unbelievable treat! There'll also be Cheryl Cole impersonator extraordinaire Rufus Hound who will be joining us on the Jurassic Coast to unleash his moustachioed comedy mayhem. Known for his turns on Celebrity Juice and Argumental, Rufus is a master of his art and one not to miss, plus there will be a high octane outing from Camp Bestival favourite Andrew Maxwell who knows something extremely funny about everything.

Those with a satirical bent will very pleased to know that The Early Edition will be returning to Camp Bestival once again. A live comedy panel show hosted by Marcus Brigstocke and Andre Vincent, The Early Edition tears into the tabloids, lambasts the broadsheets, ridicules the naysayers, unravels the spin and pooh-poohs the pomposity of headline print.

Also adding to the festival frivolities will be the edgy and provocative Ian Stone who was recently voted one of Britain's top ten stand ups by The Independent, Ben Norris who you may

have seen recently on Mock the Week, Andre Vincent (who once opened for Bob Hope and also played himself on Byker Grove) and Benny Boot who was by far the stand out performer at the Altitude Festival in Austria this year.

And there will be top turns from Joel Dommett who was a regular on E4's Skins, has appeared on Russell Howard's Good News and can now be seen daily on MTV reading the news, Camp Bestival regular Eric Lampaert who you'll know from the TV channel VIVA and who is T4's Rising Star of 2012, Paul McCaffrey, George Egg who over the years has won legions of fans with his oversized suitcase of props, fantastic songs and who is one of the only comedians who is described as a cross between alternative stand-up and music hall variety, plus ex-Labour Party stalker Matt Forde who currently has his own 5Live show and is regular on Jon Richardson's and Russell Howard's radio shows.

It's not all grown up comedy capers at Camp Bestival though...

There's plenty of hilarity for the kids too, including Comedy Club 4 Kids with regular compere Tiernan Douieb which is back for the third year running. Cracking entertainment for the young'uns, Comedy Club 4 Kids is comedians doing what they do best but without the rude bits! And brand new to Camp Bestival this year is The Adventurers Club with Tim Fitzhigham. A



smash hit sell-out kid's show from the Edinburgh Fringe, The Adventurers Club is off on a trip doomed to failure. Make sure you catch this award-winning show for an afternoon of sheer hilarious adventure!

Organisers are really pushing the boat out for their fifth Camp Bestival with incredible music from Happy Mondays, Hot Chip, Kool & The Gang, Chic (feat Nile Rodgers), Rolf Harris, Rizzle Kicks, plus Mr Tumble, The Gruffalo, Dick And Dom and Shrek the Musical, as well as arty escapades from The Tate, a literary whirlwind of talks, spoken word and poetry at the East Lulworth Literary Institute, amazing food and 100s Of Free Things For Kids To Do.

And there are still more marvellous treats to come, but tickets are selling like hot cakes so get in there quick! And keep on checking www.campbestival.net and the Facebook and Twitter for all the latest about Camp Bestival!

For ticket information or to book visit www.ticketline.co.uk/camp-bestival, or call 0844 888 4410.

EQUUS
Saturday 19, 7.30pm

GIGSPANNER
Friday 18, 8pm

MARK STEEL
Sunday 13, 8pm

REVOLUTION! THE MUSICAL
Friday 4, 7.30pm

BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST
Friday 25, 8pm

**HAROLD PINTER
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WEDNESDAY

The Marine Theatre, Church Street, Lyme Regis
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Improvers Class Samba 12.15pm-1.15pm

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Male Voice Choir looking for new members

THE very successful Casterbridge Male Voice Choir, based in Dorchester, is looking for new members.

The choir has enjoyed a long and successful history dating back to 1941 and over the years has helped to raise thousands of pounds for local charities and worthy causes.

To attract new members the choir is holding an open evening on Wednesday, May 16th 2012 at 7.15pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Dorchester.

The choir has a varied repertoire, which include popular songs, opera, spirituals, religious and songs from shows, and is one of the most popular ensembles in Dorchester.

In the past few years, the choir has sung in Germany, Wales and all over the South West as well as

more local concerts at the Lighthouse, Poole and all over Dorset. They have a very full programme of concerts lined up for 2012.

The choir is inviting men to come along to the open evening to listen to see what the choir does and to let them join in to see if they enjoy it and would like to be part of it.

The choir is very easy-going and very sociable and partners can get involved in the social events. No previous choral experience is needed and there are no embarrassing auditions to become a member.

The choir meets every Wednesday evening at 7.15 at St. Mary's Church Hall, Dorchester.

Further details are on the choir's Website at www.casterbridgemvc.co.uk or Tel. 01308 897275

Exciting Ice Cream News from The Palm House

THE Palm House in Weymouth is proud to be offering traditional, feature ice creams from this weekend.

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cream for two at just £4.95. We also have a fruity summer sundae with blackberries, raspberries and meringue and a cool, chocolate minty ice cream, perfect

for a hot summers day.

For those on a diet, we also have fat free frozen strawberry and banana yoghurt and other delicious hot desserts. We also have a great range of cakes, pastries, cookies and Sue's homemade scones and cupcakes. So for a real treat and tasty dessert, visit The Palm House, Melcombe Regis car park, Weymouth.

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2012 JURASSIC COAST EARTH FESTIVAL

WHAT'S ON AT THE EARTH FESTIVAL THIS SUMMER?

The Earth Festival has 80 events running from May to September

TRAVELLING PIOSAUR CINEMA - See the life-sized Jurassic sea lizard at Lyme Regis, Dorchester, Dorset, Devon Cliffs, Exmouth, Seaton, Weymouth, Portland and Exmouth from May to September (see website for dates).

ONBOARD - Fly with JURASSIC AIRLINES - Combining theatre with pioneering technology, Onboard invites you to fly with dinosaurs in Lyme Regis (4-10 May) and Weymouth (26 July - 9 Sept) on its 732 flight experience.

DORSET EARTH FESTIVAL - An exciting programme of activities in a beautiful country park (10-20 May) - talks, walks, family activities, storytelling, stage Japanese dance performances (17-18 May) and Travelling Piosaur Cinema (12 and 19 May).

ROCK AROUND THE COAST - 14 guided walks along the 95 miles of Jurassic Coast every Saturday (19 May to 18 August), starting in Exmouth and ending in Swanage.

36 1/2 BONES - Find out how people use their hands and feet to interact with the Jurassic Coast at this live art event (West Bay, 26-27 May).

DESIRE CROSSINGS - Performing as part of the Earth Festival, State of Emergency will take you on a journey of discovery across continents (8 June).

NATURAL SEASON FESTIVAL - A celebration of the geological and ecological wealth of Seaton: guided walks, wildlife activities, exhibitions, local artists, and plenty for the children (22-23 June).

NATURAL WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND IN A TENT - meet the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Team, members of the Natural History Museum and others. (27 July - 3 August).

EXMOUTH EARTH FESTIVAL - A weekend of celebrations focussing on Exmouth's stunning estuary landscape and abundant natural resources (4-5 August) including **Nowhereisland** anchored off the Exmouth beach.

MEMO (NASS EXTRACTOR MEMORIAL OBSERVATORY) will be stone carving in Bowers Quarry, Portland to commemorate extinct species. Join them and have a go (date tbc).

JURASSIC COAST FAMILY FUN DAYS - three days of free family activities at the Salt House in West Bay (14-16 August).

HAVE A GO STONE CARVING - Join the Lubworth rangers guided walks, photography, art, puppetry, kayaking and wood and stone carving (16-17 August).

www.earthfestival2012.org Tel: 01297 444043

Brain Gym

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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. He bases his findings on an investigation of the headquarters! (12)
2. A thousand getting the lady upset in a crazy way (5)
3. Would he use a pitch-fork in his work? (5)
4. Tangled mass of hair lacking lustre, we hear (3)
5. Men once at the top of the building trade? (9)
6. The sort of task that confronts the mountaineers (6)
7. Some of the nuts and raisins for the girl (6)
8. A second hay crop at the farm, maybe (9)
9. Deputise in part of the play (3)
10. On many occasions two and five are used as fractions thus! (5)
11. No hint turns up as an aid to climbers (5)
12. Not conforming to the Rationalist doctrine? (12)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Damning (12)
2. Sugary (5)
3. Incite (3,2)
4. Be in debt (3)
5. Keep trying (9)
6. Recompense (6)
7. Happy (6)
8. With utmost speed (9)
9. Row (3)
10. Projecting roof-edge (5)
11. Split (5)
12. Safeguard (12)

Down

1. Transport for a small charge (12)
2. Spaniard returns to fall asleep (3)
3. Bet on the fellow not being a priest (6)
4. What those who are unwelcome do on their own admission? (4-5)
5. Those who are 21 won't show this feeling (5)
6. Member of the embassy staff who makes news? (5,7)
7. This provides exact agreement for the contest (5)
8. Permissible range of variation shown by patient people (9)
9. Ended all square, as illustrated (5)
10. A temporary settlement by America provides space for students (6)
11. The big man has it in a shade of brown (5)
12. Can come before foil (3)

Down

1. Map-maker (12)
2. Before (3)
3. Constitution (6)
4. Consequently (9)
5. Rascal (5)
6. Immoderate (12)
7. Repose (5)
8. Grave mental disorder (9)
9. Ancient (5)
10. Money-lender (6)
11. Cut (5)
12. By way of (3)



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Obelisk; 8 Torpid; 9 Masters; 10 Little; 11 In fact; 12 Careworn; 18 Ensnore; 20 Stoker; 21 Secret; 22 Sparrow; 23 Divine; 24 Varsity. Down: 1 Italics; 2 Orators; 3 Willow; 5 Bearings; 6 Let off; 7 Spruce; 13 Overcoat; 14 Entrain; 15 Settles; 16 Utopia; 17 Skirts; 19 Cleric. QUICK - Across: 4 Formula; 8 Marvel; 9 Statute; 10 Abduct; 11 Invent; 12 Lowering; 18 Optional; 20 Travel; 21 Becalm; 22 Satiated; 23 Alight; 24 Dessert. Down: 1 Amiable; 2 Bradawl; 3 Fencer; 5 Outright; 6 Motive; 7 Latent; 13 Isolater; 14 Enlarge; 15 Climate; 16 Ornate; 17 Avoids; 19 Ideals.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

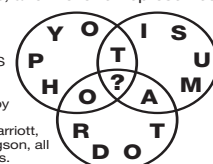
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is O. Harriott, Craddock, Grigson, all celebrity chefs.



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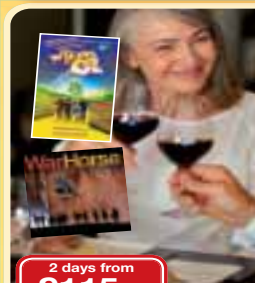
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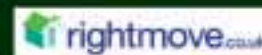
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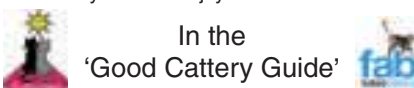
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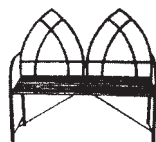
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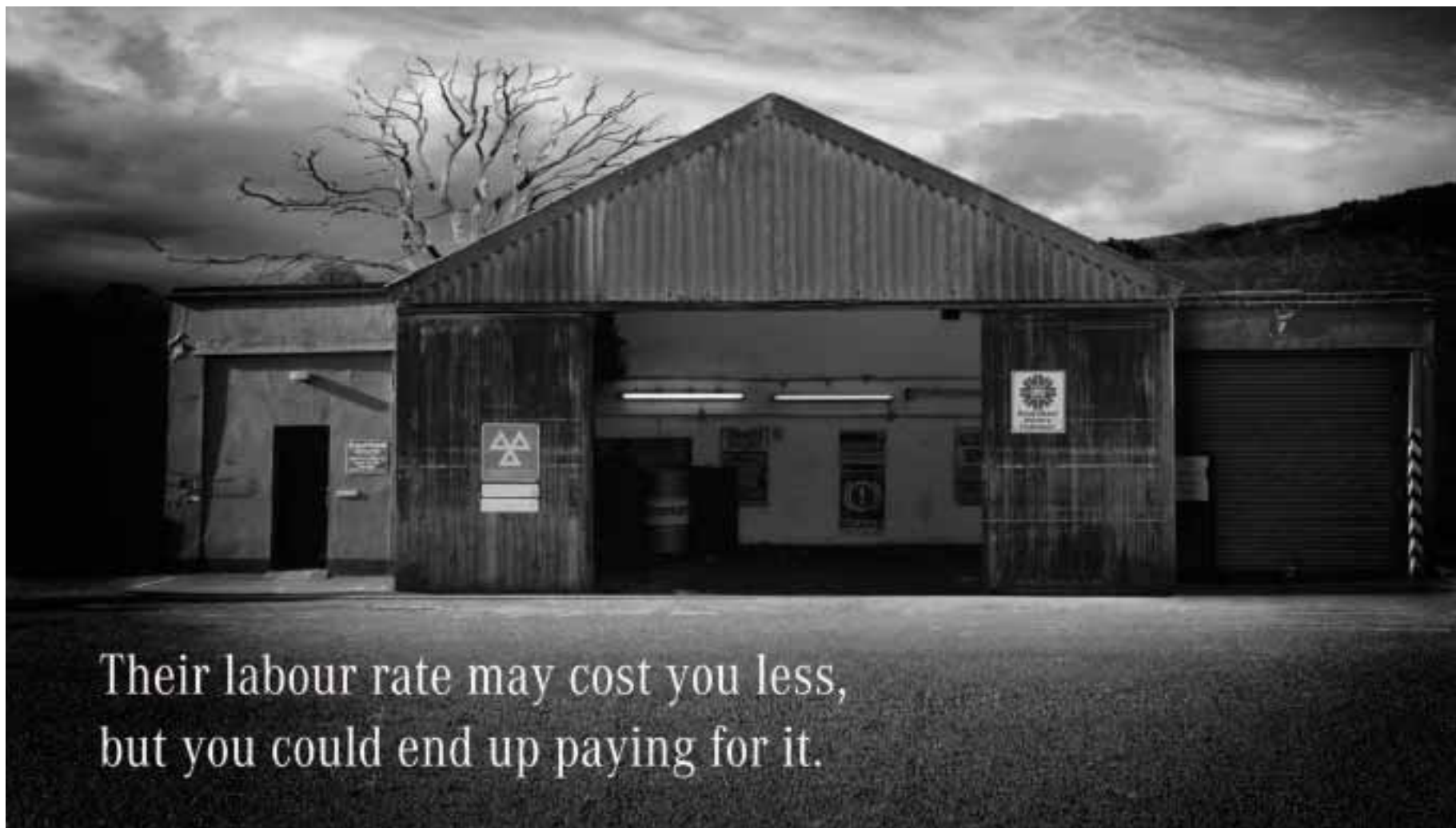
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And it's not just the rubber that's missing in some cars – 10% (2.9 million) of drivers who do carry a spare say they don't have the necessary tools in their car to change it over should a tyre blow. 36% (11.6 million) have the tools but admit they don't know how to use them when it comes to swapping over a wheel. 6%

(1.8 million) are short on both fronts and have neither the equipment nor knowledge to get a new wheel on.

There also seems to be confusion as a result of car manufacturers no longer offering full size spares as standard on some vehicles. One in ten motorists (3.3 million) who have a spare don't know whether it's a full-size spare or a low-speed space-saver, which could prove hazardous if a blowout happens on a long motorway journey.

Some manufacturers offer neither a full size spare or a space saver, instead providing drivers with a puncture repair kit. Over 4 million drivers (11%) have a puncture repair kit but the vast majority of them (3 million) don't rely on the kit alone and also carry a spare, ensuring they are prepared for a double puncture.

Roger Griggs, communications director at Kwik Fit, said: "The recent trend amongst car manufacturers to offer space-saver spares or puncture repair kits instead of full-size spare tyres could be the cause of this confusion amongst motorists. It's is wor-

rying how many drivers don't know what provision they have for a puncture, but it's even more of a concern to see how many have absolutely nothing in their car to deal with a deflated tyre.

"For those who have recently bought a second hand car it's also important that they assess the condition of the spare – there could be damage that isn't obvious at a glance, and if it hasn't been checked in a while it's likely to be underinflated.

"There are clearly gaps in knowledge around how to change a tyre, and indeed many cars are missing tools, which means even if a spare is carried some motorists will struggle to swap it over. Changing a wheel is a skill that all drivers should have, and if anyone isn't confident enough to do so they can visit their local Kwik Fit centre and the team will happily walk them through it."

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RUGBY - ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Play-off frustration for Dorchester

THE local rugby season contained one very important afterthought. It was DORCHESTER'S play-off game at WINDSOR; the result of which would determine at just what level the participating sides would play their rugby next season.

As far as I was aware there is very little history between the clubs.

Dorchester would have travelled not knowing just what to expect, although they would have realised that their opponents who, but for a five point deduction for some irregularity or another during the season, were no mugs.

WINDSOR 22 DORCHESTER 15

CONDITIONS were far less than ideal for this vital play-off encounter.

There was a gusting wind blowing diagonally across the pitch, and recent rain had made conditions sticky underfoot.

Dorchester faced the wind initially and, trailed by two penalty goals to one James Baker effort at the end of the first quarter as the sides tested each other out.

They would have been encouraged by the fact that they were establishing an edge at both set scrum and lineout, although they were prevented from profiting overmuch from this superiority by the muddy conditions.

They were probably playing too much of the game in their own territory however, and fell further behind when the Windsor out-half kicked his third penalty goal of the game.

Around the 25 minute mark however, full-back Matt Read ran back a kick out of the home midfield to very good effect. He made good ground down the right before executing a cross kick. Idris Croft, who had anticipated such a ploy, beat a

couple of home defenders to the ball and touched down.

The try remained unconverted and Windsor responded almost immediately with a try of their own, although the score included a hint of obstruction in its build up.

The try stood however and the successful conversion that took the home side into a 16-8 half-time lead rubbed salt into Dorchester's wounds rather.

Although now playing up the slope, Dorchester had the wind in their favour in the second-half, and began to exploit it with kicks into the corner.

Having won a penalty in midfield, they kicked that award to the corner also and drove the ensuing lineout.

Their initial thrust was held but, after a couple of further probes, Lee King proved to be lethal from two feet and

barged over, with Baker's conversion reducing the deficit to a single point at 16-15.

Local knowledge then proved to be something of a factor and too much of the ensuing action took place in the visitors' territory for Dorchester's peace of mind. Their defence coped well enough but it conceded the odd penalty in so doing.

Windsor converted one of the awards to edge clear and, with Lee Harvey having been sin binned, things now looked a little bleak for Dorchester, the more especially as the influential home number ten now added a drop goal to his successful place kicks, thus taking his side seven points clear.

In view of the fact that they were the visitors, a converted try would have still given Dorchester the result however and,

credit to them, they went seeking it.

At the last they won a penalty, kicked it to the corner and won the ensuing lineout.

The home number eight stripped the ball however and the chance was lost, for the whistle for no side went almost immediately, leaving Dorchester, who had outscored their opponents by two tries to one, just a little frustrated.

Dorchester would have been disappointed with their afternoon, for the rub of the green did not go their way.

This should not disguise the fact they have enjoyed a very good season, and also the fact that they were involved in a meaningful way up to and including the final play of their campaign.

There is much on the plus side that they can and should take forward to next season.

Weymouth rugby round-up

WEYMOUTH U13S

WEYMOUTH U13s continued their fine run of form with top spot in a three-way competition involving touring sides from Edenbridge from Kent and Crediton from Devon.

WEYMOUTH 48 EDENBRIDGE 7

Weymouth played some of their best rugby this season.

The forwards performed particularly well, dominating in the scrums and lineout play and winning plenty of ball at the breakdown.

The Weymouth backs saw plenty of clean ball and ran in four tries through Troy Brocklebank; Tyler Craig, Macauley Quinn, and James Davis in the first-half and a further four tries from Quinn, Brocklebank, Rory Legg and Craig in the second-half Davis added an additional eight points.

The final score could have been closer but some a solid defence and some strong tackling, particularly from Morgan Wyatt, suppressed the visitor's attack and they were able to close the white wash only the once.

CREDITON 48 EDENBRIDGE 0

Crediton were a very strong well drilled team and they put Edenbridge under considerable pressure throughout the match.

Edenbridge kept their heads up and were unlucky not too put points on the board but the Crediton team was far too strong and won comfortably.

WEYMOUTH 17 v CREDITON 10

This was a thoroughly entertaining game in which both teams played some good expansive rugby, defending well using a strong drift defence meaning the score was limited to 5-5 at half-time; Brocklebank scoring for Weymouth.

The Weymouth pack continued to dominate at the set pieces pinning the visitors behind their own 22 metre line for much of second-half.

Two poor clearance kicks allowed full-back Davis to attack down the flanks bringing his try tally to three and giving Weymouth a well deserved win. Davis converted one of his tries.

Weymouth man-of-the-match: Morgan Wyatt

Weymouth Veterans

Weymouth 19 Swanage 27

THIS was a great game of vets rugby with everyone getting to play some part of the game, with the Swans side coming out winners on the day.

Weymouth started strongly with Neil Allan crossing the whitewash to score in the corner.

This seemed to galvanise the Swanage side who hit back with two quick tries, but Weymouth continued to attack and from a penalty on the own 22 put together a fantastic phase of play which resulted in Tony Worle crossing the line and Nathan Parker added the extras.

The hosts made some changes at the interval and this resulted in Ian Tibble scoring under the



■ YOU NEVER LOSE IT: Weymouth Veterans' Neil Allan collects the ball whilst Ian Tibble looks on
Photo by CHRIS DAVIS

posts and Parker added the extras. However this was their last score as the Swans went on to win comfortably.

Weymouth U10s

WEYMOUTH struggled when they took on Ivel Barbarians, Yeovil in two games recently.

The small pitch played to the home side's strengths, as there was little room for the Weymouth boys to make use of their normal running game, and even their regular game breakers did not manage much penetration.

The home side were very strong at the set-piece, and Weymouth found it hard to retain first phase ball, struggling in both the scrum and the lineout.

This kept them on the back foot for most of the two games, and their tackle count was correspondingly high.

Although the visitors tried their hardest, they were again found wanting in their support play, often sending a single player into contact only to lose the ball and have Ivel score from the turnover.

There were a few strong runs from James Dobson and Jack Hayward, and Henry Bell was prominent also. Good tackles came in from the likes of Kit Harvey, and Nathan Calton was as direct as always, but their efforts were largely unrewarded due to the home side's ability to turn the ball over.

So in the end it was the home side who proved too strong for the Weymouth boys winning both games 11-0 and 7-0 respectively.

The best efforts award was given to William McLaren.

Weymouth Ladies

Southampton 36 Weymouth 0

This return fixture against Southampton was never going to be easy; rain and wind making life very difficult.

Weymouth's defence, marshalled by Carol Biggs, started well dealing with everything which was thrown at them.

Eventually Southampton managed to squeeze into the corner for the opening score. Weymouth maintained their unity and determination and stayed strong, launching attacks of their own feeding off strong forward play, causing the home side problems and testing their defence. But Southampton finished the half strongest running in two converted tries.

In the second-half the home side seized the initiative winning the early exchanges extending their lead with two more scores and one conversion.

The home side managed to keep Weymouth from that elusive try, and had the final say, running in the last try of the match.

Weymouth: Claire Joiner, Charlotte Chard, Di-anna Minardi, Carol Biggs, Jes Burlinson, Ruth Hicks, Jane Snarey, Marion Sebire, Katie Bruton, Anna Neish, SJ Parker

Coach Nathan Parker said: The last time we played Southampton the score was double that. This shows a massive improvement from the ladies and our defence was amazing. All the coaches are extremely pleased with the progression, leaving us in a strong position after our foundation season.

Players-of-the-match: Anna Neish and Claire Joiner

Weymouth U14s Weymouth 26 Corsham 10

Dorchester duo show their skills

TWO Dorchester & District Boxing Club members showed their prowess at the latest Sturminster Tourney.

Liam Legg, (aged 11) and his opponent Tommy Weeks (10) from Sturminster Newton ABC received a standing ovation from the enthusiastic crowd at the end of their skills bout which opened the eighteen bout bill.

The pace was as electric as the Roxy Music played as they entered the ring, with both boxers showing off their individual skills and experience, and although only a skills bout, both showed good combinations and solid defences; every punch they threw at each other just came flying back.

They worked skilfully behind well timed jabs and chugged away busily for the three rounds much to the delight of the spectators who showed their appreciation for their outstanding, courageous and positive displays.

Skills contests are non decision bouts, where both boxers' arms are raised at the final bell. The special bouts allow young boxers to develop experience and gain confidence in the ring.

Henry Jeff making his debut, weighing in at 65kilos faced Zak Harhry from Cwmcam ABC, who at two kilos lighter had a five bouts record.

The first round saw Harhry set a furious pace looking for an early stoppage, but the pace suited Jeff who is fast, lean, and a hungry boxer who can spar, skip and fire on all cylinders for hours, and it looked that he had won him the round.

Jeff had worked hard

for this bout, and a tiring Harhry showed his experience and defensive cleverness in the second round by taking Jeff's vigorous punches on his gloves, as he covered up to protect himself.

When Jeff beat Harhry to the punch in the third, the Welsh boxer began walking through punches to claim the bout.

Coach Ben Geyser said: "Henry can look back with pride and satisfaction at his first defence, showing full bodied resilience as he soaked up heavy punches from the much more experienced and stronger boxer."

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Henry Jeff pictured after his debut fight



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INSIDE: Local sport round-up and news

Soggy start to cricket season

WITH the wettest April on record for over 100 years, Dorset's cricket pitches have taken a pounding and it will be interesting to see how many matches of the new Dorset Funeral Plan Saturday League season, get under way this weekend.

The regionalisation of the lower divisions has seen many of our local sides grouped together, which hopefully will reduce the travelling and also stimulate more interest.

Dorchester, once again under the captaincy of Martyn Richards, will be hoping to improve on their Premier League third place last term.

They have a tough opening fixture when Broadstone, who finished just below them, visit the Rec, but are bolstered by the arrival of coach and player Sean Fitzgerald and the return of Pete Moxom.

Weymouth who had a miserable time and finished third from bot-

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tom, have Dean Janaway back in charge having missed a lot of last season through injury. They have an even bigger task when they entertain runners-up Parley.

Division Two sees four local clubs locking horns. Newly promoted Martinstown host near neighbours Dorchester 2nds at Ashton Farm.

The villagers this year will be captained by Nick Quintrell whilst veteran Steve Budd will lead the county town's second team.

Beaminstor have also had a change at the helm with Ross Baker standing down to be replaced by Will Everitt. He starts his reign at Cranborne whilst Michael Pearce's Weymouth 2nds travel to Poole Town 2nds.

There are changes at the Brewery

Ground, Bridport where Mark Smith stood down at the end of last season. He has been replaced by all rounder Liam Toohill.

Although they will be without the influential Sam Good who has to work on Saturday's, the combative Dave Herbert who returned from Dorchester last season will be a regular.

They will also be buoyed by new all rounder Ben Briscoe who has joined the club after moving into the area.

Briscoe is a former county cricketer with Cheshire and Cornwall and his fast bowling and batting is sure to give them a lift. They open their Division Three fixtures by hosting last season's Division Four champions Winton 2nds.

Cattistock visit Portland Red Triangle for their opening fixture in the same division.

Division Four is well spread from Pimperne and Sherborne 2nds in

the north to Christchurch 2nds in the east, but Puddletown start off with a visit to their nearest rivals Kingston Lacy.

The regionalisation of Division Five brings together four of our local teams, but with only seven sides means Bridport 2nds under the captaincy of Jamie Dolman sit out the first week.

Abbotsbury entertain Somerset rivals Crewkerne in their opener, whilst Dorchester 3rds entertain Bradford Abbas.

The county town youngsters will once again be under the guidance of veteran Pete Tucker, assisted by Jae Miller.

The success of Tucker in bringing young players through the ranks has been a revelation for the town, with several of them now having stepped up to play first and second team cricket.

Another veteran Hugh Rathbone will be hoping to lead Beaminstor



■ **CHAMPIONS:** Weymouth FC Ladies retained the Dorset Women's cup after goals from Emma Acott and Philippa Holden earned the team a 2-0 win over Poole Town Ladies last week
Photo: Dorset FA

2nds to a better season than last in Division Six North and West, although they are without a game this Saturday. However Martinstown 2nds under Tom Bracey will be in action at Gillingham.

Reorganisation of the Sunday League has seen Symene, who finished runners-up in Division Four last season, line-up with

most of the sides that they played in Division Three this campaign, including Charlton Down who they host this Sunday at Symondsburry.

Mid-Wessex League Division One champions Broadwindsor do not open their campaign until the following Sunday (13th) when they travel to Ilchester.

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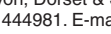
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